

13 September 1948.

Mr. John A. Bross
40 Wall Street
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Bross:

In response to your request to Mr. Babbitt, I am enclosing herewith a copy of S. 2688, which is the Senate version of our proposed enabling act. Also enclosed are the report of the Senate Armed Services Committee on this bill and the report of the House Armed Services Committee on its version of the bill, which was substantially the same.

As you know, the bill passed the Senate on the last night that the Congress was in session, but could not be called up in the House.

In connection with the proposed revision of the espionage laws, no copy of the proposed bill was made available to us for comment. It is now the subject of a debate between two of the departments, in an attempt to reconcile their differences. I have had a copy made available through the Bureau of the Budget, in order to prepare the Director's comments on it, as requested by Mr. Eberstadt. However, as this proposed bill is still considered confidential, and as it was made available to us only on a confidential basis after some discussion, I am, unfortunately, not in a position to release it except in the form of an attachment to the Director's comments to Mr. Eberstadt.

Sincerely yours,

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